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Star-Spangled Banner Act Moves Forward

Senate Committee Will Hear Bill on June 29th

Madison, WI – A bill to require the playing or singing of the national anthem prior to sporting events held in taxpayer-funded venues is continuing to move through the Wisconsin State Legislature.

The bill, which passed the Assembly with bi-partisan support last month, is scheduled to have a hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review, and Consumer Protection on June 29th.

Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point), who authored the bill with Rep. Tony Kurtz (Wonewoc), is pleased that the bills' momentum continues to build.

“People from across the political spectrum have come together to support the Star-Spangled Banner Act, and I look forward to advancing the bill in the Senate,” said Sen. Testin. “It’s realistic to expect that venues built with taxpayer dollars show the same respect for our country that we require in our public schools and in the State Capitol.”

The proposal has support from veterans groups, including the Wisconsin American Legion and VFW Department of Wisconsin. Those who wish to indicate their support for the bill can sign a petition at <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/24/testin/star-spangled-banner-act/>.



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